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Hitchcock Building's condition worsens

Main Street redesign could be delayed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Selectmen held an emergency meeting on Tuesday and discussed the condition of the Hitchcock Building, which an engineer has determined is unsound and needs to come down. The condition of the building and its eventual demolition, may delay the completion of the \$2.1 million Main Street redesign project. The board will ask the building's owner, 114 Main St. LLC, to appear at its July 7 meeting to tell them what he will do to bring it down quickly.

It is the remaining building of the town's original commercial area with a mansard roof and is on the National Register of Historic Buildings.

In a letter to the board on June 18, Building Inspector Anna Marques said the building has changed ownership four times in the last 13 years, with a partial roof collapse in 2011. The partial collapse led the town to deem it unsafe for occupation and it has remained empty since then.

As work on the Main Street redesign project began this spring, the building's condition appeared to worsen. Tighe & Bond engineers determined there have been additional failures with the roof and the roof members, which carry and distribute the



The Hitchcock Building, at 114 Main St., is unstable and town officials want the owner to pull it down so the Main Street project can continue. An engineer has looked at the building and determined it may fall down, and is leaning toward the building next door, which houses Niko's restaurant.

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Annual Town Meeting decides many issues

Budget and bylaws passed

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – One hundred and one voters allowed the Annual Town Meeting to get underway Monday to deal with 34 articles, most of which passing unanimously, including the budget and changes to zoning bylaws around commercial solar projects.

Also passed were articles on making the Board of Selectmen Fire Commissioners, just as they are already Police Commissioners, to petition the State Legislature to

change Board of Selectmen to SelectBoard and a myriad of others that detail financial processes and match different grants the town has received.

It was a different venue – the Town Hall's newly-painted Great Hall – and procedures were different as voters were encouraged to wear masks and had to sit six feet apart due to measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Voters who live in the same house could sit together and those who couldn't or wouldn't wear masks were seated in another area.

Moderator Kathleen Coulombe started the meeting by

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Ware held its Annual Town Meeting Monday night upstairs in Town Hall. A number of measures designed to prevent the spread of COVID-19 included wearing masks and sitting six feet apart. Voters who live in the same home were allowed to sit together. Voters who couldn't or wouldn't wear masks were seated separately.

Baystate Wing Hospital adjusts to new guidelines

By Jonah Snowden
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PALMER – Even before dealing with their first COVID-19 case on March 20, Baystate Wing Hospital has been prepared to deal with this pandemic.

Molly Gray, president and chief administrative officer of Baystate Health Eastern Region,

said as cases increased, the decision was made to separate areas to keep COVID and non-COVID patients away from each other.

"We also created additional search capacity that could provide isolation for patients," said Gray. "On the Palmer campus, we are fortunate that the old ED

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Ware's Class of 2020 perseveres

Students look toward graduation ceremony

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – This year has not gone the way teachers, administrators and seniors of Ware Junior Senior High School thought it would go. Due to COVID-19, there were no in-person classes or activities from March 16 onward, no senior days or prom or any other fun senior activity.

On July 25, they will have a modified graduation outside on the football field, so they will have the chance to physically gather one more time before heading off to the military, the workforce or college. But just because their year presented unexpected obstacles, it did not phase the Class of 2020.

"It is ironic that this group of students is graduating at this time, the only thing more infectious than coronavirus is their school spirit and sense of community," said teacher Peter Easton.

In fact, several students, Tyler Bush and Emma Polak, used some of their free time to create a video, with help from many of their classmates, as they visited the drive-ways of many other seniors with signs of inspiration, leaving many viewers without a dry eye as they enjoyed students encouraging each with other. "It was really fun and



Ware Junior Senior High School's Class of 2020 will graduate during a ceremony on the football field on July 25, just one of the many changes to their senior year.

very easy to do," said Polak. "And everyone helped us." Bush said parents who viewed it teased them that it should come with a tissue warning for viewers.

School Superintendent Dr. Marlene DiLeo pointed to the video as one of the many ways the Class of 2020 has remained a tight group of less than 40 seniors. "They did it without the guidance of adults, they came up with it and executed it," she said. "And they did to encourage each other and

themselves, and they did."

Fewer activities

"It's unfair they got cheated out of the best months of their senior year, especially all the activities," she said. "But these young people, some of whom I've known since they were in first grade, they're doers." While she worries about the world that is being left to them as they come of age, she is absolutely sure they'll find ways to

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Five running for two SelectBoard seats

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The annual Town Election will be held Monday, June 29, from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Town Hall, where voters will choose two new selectmen from the five candidates vying for the seats. Selectmen John Carroll and Tracy Opalinski both chose not to run for re-election this year.

Catherine R. Buelow-Cascio, of 95 Church St., John A. Desmond, of 12 Dugan Road, Thomas H. Barnes, of 45 Moriarty Road, and Michael R. Bouvier, of 62 Aspen St., and John Joseph Morrin, Jr., of 170 Monson Turnpike Road.

Barnes is a veteran and has worked as a machinist, network engineer, statewide project manager and technology director in the Palmer Public Schools. He also serves on the Ware Conservation Commission.

Buelow-Cascio served as SelectBoard member a number of years ago and has also hosted

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MOVIN' ON TO MIDDLE SCHOOL



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Eugene Rich stands with his daughter Catelyn, left, who graduated from Hardwick Elementary School's sixth-grade this week. Calia Rich, Catelyn's sister, was also on hand for the celebration.

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Are You Old News?

Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.

Last week's Are you old news featured two people enjoying a barbecue dinner at Mt. Carmel Church in Ware, in July 1991. Sandy Piechota was able to identify Jean Piechota and the other person is Alec Simoneau.

If anyone recognizes the person in this week's photo, or the pooch getting a good wash, please send the answer and your full name to ekennedy@turley.com.

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Westfield Savings, Gibbs Crossing
North Brookfield, Main Street

Groceries
Big Y , 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
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Convenience/Liquor
Brusso's, West Main Street
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Brookside Mart, West Street

Meals/Food Pick up
Children under 18
Ware Middle School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kidstop, Pleasant St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext.501, weekdays 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Church, Jubilee Cupboard, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, diapers also available
Food Bank distribution, Hillside, Third Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

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Senior Outreach program, 413-867-3001

Pharmacies
Wal-Mart, 9 a.m.
Walgreens, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
CVS, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.

St. Mary's Church holding Polish food sale, July 11

WARE — St. Mary's Church in Ware will be holding a Polish Food Sale on Saturday, July 11. Frozen pierogi (\$10 per dozen) were made before COVID-19, golombki (3 for \$10), and kapusta (\$6 per quart) will be available for purchase. Curbside pickup only. Customers will be designated a pick-up time when placing their order. Payment should be exact amount, either check made out to St. Mary's Church, or cash and placed in an envelope with the person's name, phone number and payment amount. Please call Sylvia at 413-436-9268 or Diane at 413-967-5207 to pre-order. All orders must be received by Sunday, July 5. No orders will be taken after July 5, no exceptions. They are following all CDC and Board of Health restrictions and guidelines.

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Students asked to share COVID-19 essays

HARDWICK – Hardwick Historical Society announces a contest for the students of all Hardwick villages. How are you spending your time with the Covid-19 virus? Are you missing seeing people in person? Have you learned something new in your time at home? What new or old activities are you doing with your family? Write your story or tell it in pictures. The Society will award prizes in writing and picture categories in two age groups; K-6 and 7-12. First prize is \$20; second is \$10; third is \$5. All entries will receive a certificate. Entries are due at the Society on Aug. 16 at 2 p.m. They may be dropped off in person or mailed to P. O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037. Winners will be announced on Sept. 1. All entries will become the property of the Society and will be added to the historical archives in the museum's collection. Questions? Call 413-967-4002

Warren Public Library now offering curbside hours

WARREN The Warren Public Library started providing curbside pickup on Tuesday, June 23. Curbside pickup hours will be from noon to 5 p.m. every Tuesday and Thursday and from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturdays. The library is also now accepting returns via the book drop only.

Call the library at 413-436-7690 to order materials, or to use a library card online at bark.cwmars.org. Please be sure to specify Warren Public Library as the pickup library. At this time, only items already in the library are available to be picked up. Staff will collect the items requested, check them out , and place them in a new paper bag with the patron's name on it.

When each patron's items are ready, a staff member will call them to reserve a day and time to pick up the materials. Bags will be placed on the front steps of the library at the designated day/time. If anyone has trouble using the front stairs, the library can make arrangements with them when they call to deliver them to the curb.

The library is receiving new items regularly and looks forward to serving the community once again.

Lowe's donates tools to park volunteers

WARREN – Volunteers in the ongoing restoration of Lucy Stone Park were pleased to receive a large quantity of garden tools from Lowe's in Ware, for exclusive use at Lucy Stone Park. Until this time, volunteers have had to provide their own garden tools. Now the park will have a supply available at all times. The volunteers said they thank Lowe's, for its support and for its direct delivery of the tools to Lucy Stone Park.




Volunteers who tend to Lucy Stone Park with donated tools from Lowe's.



Lowe's, of Ware, arrives at Lucy Stone Park with a large donation of gardening tools.

Canterbury Tails




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Shelby Tweedie named to WPI’s dean’s list

WORCESTER – Worcester Polytechnic Institute has announced that Shelby Tweedie, of Ware, a member of the class of 2023 majoring in biomedical engineering, was named to the university’s dean’s list for academic excellence for the spring 2020 semester.

A total of 1,749 undergraduate students achieved the criteria required for WPI’s spring 2020 Dean’s List. The criteria for the WPI dean’s list differs from that of most other universities as WPI does not compute a grade point average. Instead, WPI defines the dean’s list by the amount of work completed at the A level in courses and projects.

“WPI’s academic programs are rigorous and require a level of independence beyond what is required in traditional courses. WPI students work on open-ended problems for communities around the world. The problems are important and the impact is real” said Undergraduate Studies Dean Arthur C. Heinricher. “Some of this nation’s best and brightest students come to WPI to study engineering and science and business and the humanities. Those named to the dean’s list have excelled in all of their work, and we are exceptionally proud of these outstanding students.”

STCC announces dean’s list for spring 2020

SPRINGFIELD – The following area residents were named to Springfield Technical Community College’s spring 2020 dean’s list.

The dean’s list is published each semester to recognize above-average academic performance. To be considered, degree-seeking students must earn 12 or more college level credits in the current semester or 12 or more combined college-level credits earned during the fall and spring semesters, and achieve a 3.3 or above grade point average.

The following local students were named to the list: Jamie L. Dauksewich, Erica Lee Gaboury, Jacquilynnne R. Mendes, James Xander Nicolliello, Kathryn Elizabeth Pluta, and Cassidee Whitney, of Ware, as well as Gabriel Marie Cote and Jonathan E. Russell, of Warren.

Interested in applying to STCC? Visit stcc.edu/apply or call Admissions at 413-755-3333.

Nicholas Monteiro makes dean’s list

BOSTON – Nicholas Monteiro, of Ware, has made the dean’s list at Wentworth Institute of Technology for the spring 2020 semester.

Founded in 1904, Wentworth Institute of Technology stresses project-based, hands-on learning, with an emphasis on cooperative education and careers, community enrichment, and contributing to the economic vitality of the Greater Boston region. The nationally ranked school is recognized as a leader in engineering, technology, design and science.

Wentworth has 19 bachelor’s degree programs in areas such as architecture; construction management; mechanical, biomedical and civil engineering; and computer science. It offers master’s degrees in applied computer science, architecture, civil engineering, construction management, facility management and technology management.

Local students awarded HCC Foundation scholarships

HOLYOKE – After Doris M. Kemble died in 1990 from cancer, her mother, Abbe, established a scholarship in her memory through the Holyoke Community College Foundation. Kemble had been a beloved member of the HCC nursing faculty, and her mother wanted to make sure her daughter’s legacy continued.

It does. Since 1998, more than 60 HCC students have been awarded the Doris M. Kemble Nursing Scholarship. This year, one of three annual recipients is Versaviya Okhrimenko, of Westfield.

“The scholarship means I can go another year at HCC and focus more on my studying and nursing skills rather than worrying about my financial status,” said Okhrimenko. “It means I can finish my nursing degree and reach my dream. It is honestly the greatest gift I have ever received.”

This spring, the HCC Foundation awarded nearly \$210,000 in scholarships to 200 incoming, current and transferring HCC students and will set a record for the number of scholarships it distributes for the 2020-2021 academic year, 233.

Because of COVID-19, students need the money more this year than ever, says Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of institutional and executive director of the HCC Foundation. The number of applications for scholarships this year increased 22 percent, from 391 to 479.

Local students who were awarded HCC Foundation scholarships for 2020-2021 include Johanna Bosen, of Brookfield, and Morgan Orzulak, Natashaia

Sawabi and Margaret Sullivan, of Ware.

“HCC students are always remarkable, but they have demonstrated incredible resilience this semester,” Sbriscia said. “Many are working, but some have lost their jobs. Still, they are raising children, planning to transfer to four-year schools, changing careers, and blazing a path that for some no one in their family has taken before. When so much of our students’ world was unknown as a result of a global pandemic, it was important to ensure they could still count on the HCC Foundation for scholarship opportunities that would inspire them to continue working toward their educational goals.”

Over the years, the HCC Foundation, the nonprofit fundraising arm of the college, has provided more than \$3 million in student scholarships while also investing in classroom equipment and technology for select academic and student support programs.

Typically, the Foundation hosts a scholarship reception in May where scholarship recipients can interact with the donors responsible for their awards. But this year, of course, the reception was cancelled because of COVID-19 restrictions.

Instead, students were invited to record personal videos that were sent directly to donors.

“Thinking that someone is trusting me and investing in my career – thank you so much for that,” Okhrimenko said in her video. “Through this award, you’re helping a plain girl like me to become a nurse and save lives.”

Local students graduate from Western New England University

SPRINGFIELD – Western New England University congratulates over 950 students who received their academic degrees in May 2020.

The following students earned their degrees:

Patrick O’Brien of Ware, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science.

Michelle Zawalski, of Ware, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science.

Samantha Flamand, of Ware, graduated summa cum laude with a bachelor of science in engineering.

A Salute to Undergraduate students of the class of 2020 featuring a driving parade of the Western New England community, conferral of degrees, memories of the journey, and a live chat can be viewed here at <https://youtu.be/ruftr3pw-1o>.

A Salute to Doctoral, Master’s, Law, Pharmacy, and Occupational Therapy students of the class of 2020 can be viewed here at <https://youtu.be/XqJt1bKKjcY>.

All Class of 2020 students will be warmly welcomed back to campus for a traditional ceremony when it is safe to do so.

Having just celebrated its Centennial, Western New England University is a private, independent, coeducational institution. Located on an attractive 215-acre suburban campus in Springfield, Massachusetts, Western New England serves 3,825 students, including 2,580 full-time undergraduate students. Undergraduate, graduate, and professional programs are offered through Colleges of Arts and Sciences, Business, Engineering, Pharmacy and Health Sciences, and the School of Law.

Young Man’s Library now offering curbside pick-up

WARE – The Young Man’s Library in Ware is offering curbside pick-up of library materials. The delivery service has resumed this week so the library can help patrons to pick up both our materials and things from other libraries. Pick-up is available at the library Mondays through Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Saturday mornings, from 9 to 11:45 a.m. Patrons can

call the library at 413-967-5491 for the Director’s Desk, 413-967-4858 for the Checkout Desk or 413-967-9691 for the Children’s Desk to request items for pickup. All desks are not staffed every day, so try more than one number. Patrons can also e-mail the library at warelibrary1881@gmail.com, or place holds in the online catalog at www.warelibrary.org.

Residents asked to share COVID-19 stories

HARDWICK – The Hardwick Historical Society is asking the citizens of Hardwick to write their stories of how they are coping with the Covid-19 Virus. How have the closing of businesses, work places and schools affected your lives? How are you filling your time with home confinement? Have you been directly affected by the disease? Your stories will be a part of the archive of the Society and will give future readers an idea of how our town survived this event. Writing, photos and other

memorabilia are welcome. If you have questions, you may call 413-967-4002. You may mail your stories to the Society at P. O. Box 492, Hardwick, MA 01037 or call to arrange delivery. Since the virus is still a major part of our lives, there is no actual deadline for submission. Sept. 1 is a good target date.

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HES says goodbye

Have a happy Summer

HARDWICK – Last week Hardwick Elementary School held a backwards parade during which staff stood outside the school along the driveway holding signs and waving to students whose families drove the school driveway waving back.



HES school staff held signs and waved to students during a backwards parade held last week at the schools.



Hardwick Elementary School staff spread out along the driveway to say goodbye to students for the school year and to wish them a fun summer.



Turley Publications staff photos by Paula Ouimette
HES staff wave to students and their families during a backwards parade held last week at the school.



Tom Barnes



Cathy Casio



John Desmond



John Morrin

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a show called “The Meeting after the Meeting” on Ware Community Television, which covered town issues.

Desmond served as a selectman for several terms before deciding to run for the Board of Health, where he is finishing up a three-year term.

Morrin is a veteran, a licensed journeyman and master electrician and is currently a special education teacher in the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. He is also a Ware Park

Commissioner and has been a baseball coach for young people. Bouvier works for the Ware Water Department.

Uncontested races

There is only one candidate for the School Committee, Aaron R. Sawabi, of 3 Shoreline Drive, who has chosen to run for re-election.

Theodore Balicki, of 63 Sygiel Road, has also chosen to run for re-election to the Board of Assessors. Also running for re-election as a Park Commissioner is William R. Imbier, of 10

Williston Drive and Henrietta L. Devlin, of 60 Valley View Annex # D, for a five-year term on the Ware Housing Authority.

Ryan Maslak is not running for re-election to the Cemetery Commission, and no one taken out nomination papers for the position.

John Desmond is not running for re-election to a three-year term on the Board of Health, and no one taken out nomination papers for this position.

The last day to object to or withdraw from the ballot is Wednesday March 11, at 5 p.m.

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GUEST COLUMN

We all have to make this work

By Lee H. Hamilton
Guest columnist

These are uncertain, divided times for our nation. Unemployment is at mind-boggling levels, a virus we still don't fully understand is stifling the course of ordinary life, many businesses are struggling, nationwide protests continue against systemic and deep-seated racism and local policy makers face rising questions about policing and public safety. It's no surprise that this is one of those rare moments of national reflection about our future course.

It's also a moment of great attention to our political system, because that's how we're going to work these things out. For me, this raises a fundamental question: What are politics and government all about, and how do we use them to make progress on such fundamental issues?

At heart, I'd argue, our political and economic systems try to provide an environment that enhances each person's quest for happiness and a good life. We lay the framework for this in part through government, and through the politics that determines who runs our government and what they do once in office.

We do this through a representative democracy, a system by which citizens elect men and women to represent them in a national or state legislature in order to make the laws of the country. It's an elaborate, complex effort, especially in a country as diverse as ours. Disparate interests are rampant at every level, and in order for government to work you have to try to build a consensus among those groups—while seeking collective security, economic growth, and protection for individual rights and liberties. That's because our democracy promotes the idea that individuals are equal before the law, and that the rights we've enshrined in the Bill of Rights need to be protected.

Representative democracy does not demand that its citizens participate, but it fails if enough of them don't. It encourages civic engagement, community service, citizens living up to their obligations to their neighbors, and, of course, voting. It also makes room for all manner of communications, from letter-writing to participating in boycotts and protests. And it works best when people are well informed and educated on the political issues. In this era especially, that places a burden on us all to find high-quality information and use it effectively and prudently.

The thing to remember about the system is that it encourages competition for political power among a wide range of groups and interests, and nothing is ever settled. If you lose, you're given a chance to win in future elections. If finally, you win, you've got the temporary power to achieve your legislative goals. But winning is never total. Congress and our legislatures represent the diversity of the population, and pretty much require cooperation and consensus-building to accomplish anything. This is both a weakness—it can be cumbersome—and a strength, since it allows for reasonable stability as all kinds of groups, including minorities of all sorts, strive to exert influence.

All of this creates a dynamic, energetic political sphere that challenges us. It's remarkable, if you think about it: The system was crafted for a country of about 4 million. Here we are over 200 years later, with 330 million, with the same system helping to organize a country of enormous power, reach and complexity.

It's evolved over that time, thanks to constant tinkering, reform, and improvement, and those needs will never go away. That's what our system does: It calls on citizens to make it work and to make it better. There's no doubt that we face great stresses, and while we may make progress in enhancing individuals' pursuit of happiness, it's rarely straight ahead: we take steps forward and then retreat, we celebrate victories and suffer setbacks. But overall, when citizens speak up and become involved, we progress.

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Pinks are top notch fragrance-wise

Who doesn't love the smell of lilacs, roses, peonies or hyacinths? Somewhat more understated than these, but still worthy of acclaim for their wonderful scent are a group of plants known as pinks. Identified by taxonomists as Dianthus, I have been lucky enough to grow five heirloom species of this unique genus.

The first is Sweet William, Dianthus barbatus, a cottage garden favorite, prized by florists for its tightly clustered, richly scented three-inch flower heads. It is most commonly seen in white, magenta, salmon and pretty bi-colors. Technically a biennial, Sweet William will occasionally return for a third or fourth year of bloom. More often than not, though, this plant puts all of its energy into making flowers, and after it is through and its spent flowers have been removed there is very little left of the plant to overwinter. For the best chance of subsequent seasons, deadhead as soon as possible and fertilize lightly. Only interested in Sweet William as a cut flower? Sow seeds in summer and transplant in the fall for blooms next season.

Clove ink is another favorite. Dianthus carophyllus 'Grenadin' is the cultivar I've grown. The first season it impressed me with its tightly mounded spiky silver leaves, which not at all leggy. This was a mixed-seed packet, so I didn't know what to expect color-wise. To my delight, I had three different shades of pink mini carnation-like blooms. While the flow-

ers were sparse, only a couple of stems per plant, it was their scent that really knocked my socks off. Clove, indeed! I've heard that these aren't reliably hardy in our area; we'll have to see what I'll be left with next spring. One rule of thumb about overwintering clove pink and most silver-leaved plants: they hate wet feet and love alkaline soil. Provide good drainage throughout the year and a dusting of lime each spring. Planting along the edge of a rock garden would be ideal.

Dianthus gratianopolitanus is a mouthful for a plant better known as cheddar pink. The first year from seed is a tease. You'll settle for a few quarter-sized fragrant pink to dark pink blooms. By mid-June of year number two, however, the plant will be at least a foot to 15 inches wide by eight inches tall with flowers too numerous to count. Each individual floret is composed of five flat petals that get a bit deeper in tone near the center and tatter somewhat at the edge. Curly stamens popping up in the middle add to the interest. Although it may be tempting to take hedge shears and lop off all the spent flowers at once, don't do it! Better to cut each stem back to a point of new growth, time consuming as it may be. Your plant will look better and might even reward you with a few more flowers later in the season.

Pheasant-eye or cottage pink, Dianthus plumarius, is less behaved than its cousins. The silver foliage has a tendency bend and

grow in funny, rambling angles, making it a great candidate for draping over the edge of a raised border or rock wall. The flowers are less prolific than cheddar pink but similar in appearance except that they have an even more pronounced, dark eye, hence its name. I've seen them in white, light pink and deep pink, each with a magenta center and the same tattered petals and wonderful scent.

The last pretty pink I'll mention today is Dianthus superbus, fringed or superb pink. It differs from clove, cheddar and pheasant eye in that its foliage is green and less spiky, more grass-like. And while the others top off under a foot, fringed pink grows two feet tall or taller. Because of this, it will require staking: simple "pea brush" is usually enough support. Pink or purple flowers are, you guessed it, deeply fringed, giving them a very delicate appearance that is best admired (and sniffed!) up close. Like the others mentioned here, these are also wonderfully fragrant.

Many of these Dianthus varieties are available by seed through JL Hudson, Seedsman (jlhudsonseeds.net). Plants are easy to grow, best started off the heat in late February.

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ON THE GARDEN



Roberta McQuaid

SOCIAL SECURITY MATTERS

Will claiming early hurt spouse or survivor benefits?

By Russell Gloor
Guest columnist

Dear Rusty: I applied for Social Security Disability Insurance benefits and was denied. So, because I turn 62 this month, I plan to file for my early Social Security retirement benefits. Since I've not worked a lot due to health issues I won't get much and I realize my benefit will be reduced by about 30% from my full retirement age amount, but we need the extra income to help with my medical bills. My husband is 57 and still works. Social Security will be our only retirement so he will be working for as long as he can. My question is, how will my early retirement affect any spousal benefits I might qualify for in the future? Or my widow's benefits if he should die before I do? Signed: Worried Spouse

Dear Worried: Claiming your own Social Security benefit at age 62 will cause your spousal benefit to be less when your spouse benefit starts (when your husband claims). That's because your spousal benefit will be in the form of a "spousal boost" which will be added to the reduced Social Security benefit you will get by filing at age 62. The amount of your spousal boost will depend upon how old you are when your husband claims (which is when your spousal benefit kicks in). If you've reached your full retirement age (FRA) of 66 years and eight months, your spousal boost will be the difference between 1) your Social Security retirement benefit amount at your FRA (regardless of when you claimed) and 2) half (50%) of the benefit your husband is entitled to at his FRA (regardless of when he claims).

At your FRA you get the full amount of the spousal boost; but taken before your FRA, the spousal boost will be actuarially reduced



according to the number of months prior to FRA it is taken. Since the spousal boost is added to the benefit you are already receiving, you claiming your reduced benefits at age 62 means your spousal benefit will also be reduced. But your spousal benefit (while your husband is living) is entirely different from your survivor benefit if your husband dies before you.

As your husband's widow, provided you have reached your FRA you will get 100% of the amount he was receiving (or entitled to receive) at his death, instead of your smaller benefit from claiming at age 62. In other words, that you claimed your own benefit at 62 doesn't affect your survivor benefit. But if the survivor benefit is claimed before you reach your full retirement age it will be reduced due to claiming it early (the reduction is about 4.75% for each year early). Note that you do not have to claim the survivor benefit immediately; you may wait to claim until it reaches maximum at your FRA.

One final point: Statistically, about 2/3rds of all initial Social Security Disability

Insurance disability applications are denied. If you believe strongly that you've been unfairly denied, you can appeal that denial, even if you go ahead and claim your own Social Security benefit at age 62. To appeal the SSDI denial you should submit form SSA-561 – Request for Reconsideration, which you can find at this link: www.ssa.gov/forms/ssa-561.html.

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Russell Gloor is a Social Security advisor for AMAC.

IN MY BACKYARD

By Ellenor Downer

Massachusetts Audubon Society listed a sighting of a sora at the Athol treatment plant. Two soras were seen at Bolton Flats.

The sora is a small chicken-like bird about nine inches long. It has a brown back with white streaks. The belly is gray with dark barring. The head and throat are black and the bill yellow. Its body is compressed laterally like other rails and it may help the sora move about its reedy environment.

It feeds both in the water and on the ground, eating aquatic insects and weed seeds. It inhabits salt and freshwater marshes and wet meadows. The female lays six to 18 buff eggs with dark marks in a saucer shaped nest of dead cattail leaves, reeds and sedges attached to surrounding plant stems a few inches about water. Sudden noise near the breeding ground may start the birds calling. A common call is a plaintive ascending "puweee, puweee. The sora also gives a call, which sounds like a descending whinny that slows down near the end. They migrate south usually leaving on the night of first frost.

Other bird sightings

Other bird sightings reported to the Massachusetts Audubon Society were seven semipalmated plovers, two pectoral sandpipers and two least bitterns at Bolton Flats, a Bonaparte gull in Westborough and two grasshopper sparrows in Lancaster. A yellow-headed blackbird was seen at Plum Island, an American white pelican at Wilett Pond in Wendell and a brown pelican in Plymouth.

Bird experience

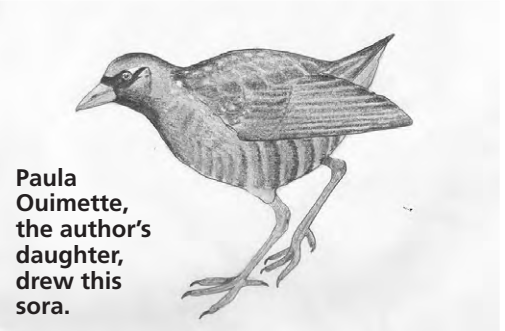
A Barre resident saw a woodpecker fledgling fall into his pond. He went to get his net to rescue it, but he didn't have to. The bird flapped its wings and swam to shore. He helped it out of the water and let it dry off in the sun before returning it to the area near where it fell into the pond.

Geese and goslings

I saw a large group of Canada geese and goslings in a field in New Braintree. It was a least two families as one group of goslings were older than the other.

Birds at the feeders

I find I'm filling my two nectar feeders every two or three days. I have a downy wood-



Paula Ouimette, the author's daughter, drew this sora.

pecker that comes to the nectar feeder as well as the ruby-throated hummingbirds. I also have a red squirrel that has a sweet tooth. The nectar level goes down quickly when the squirrel visits the feeder.

I continue to have cardinals, blue jays, grackles, red-winged blackbirds, catbirds, as well as red-bellied woodpeckers, downy woodpeckers, black-capped chickadees, white-breasted nuthatches and an occasional sparrow.

People may report a bird sighting or bird related experience by calling me at 413-967-3505, leaving a message at ext. 100 or emailing mybackyard88@aol.com or edowner@turley.com.

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The closest Baystate Health hospital for admissions is Baystate Wing Hospital, located on 40 Wright St. in Palmer.

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[Emergency Department] was never reoccupied yet. We were able to put eleven additional beds there, and they're still set up, should we need to go to them. We fortunately did not have to use that."

Gray said the virus peaked around early April. As of June 18, there were zero positive cases.

Other effects brought by the pandemic include decreasing the number of elective surgeries and procedures, and letting physicians examine and review each case that had been scheduled to decide whether their condition would be worsened by postponing it. Patients were still contacted by phone or virtually.

According to mass.gov, phase two of Gov. Charlie Baker's reopening plan allowed healthcare providers to incrementally resume in-person electives, nonurgent procedures and services. This includes routine office visits, dental visits, and vision care.

In response to this, Gray said she wants to emphasize that she understands the public is wary of

the virus and that hospitals will be taking all precautionary measures, which includes having hand sanitizer available, checking temperatures, and other steps

As for visitor policies, Gray said the reason for the newly -stablished guidelines on June 15 was promulgated by the state Department of Public Health and meetings with Baker, along with the second stage of his reopening plan.

"We all know your loved ones play a really vital role in your care, and it's very painful, difficult, and sad to separate visitors and family members away from patients," said Gray. "Now that we are seeing that trend line in terms of cases, hospitalizations, and demand for critical care beds for COVID-19 positive cases go down, it's safe to start to slowly, carefully with all protective measures, bring visitors back."

Visitation hours are from noon to 8 p.m.. Non-COVID patients at all Baystate hospitals are allowed one visitor at a time. Obstetrics can now have one birthing partner or one visitor at a time. At Baystate Children's Hospital, one parent, guardian or visitor is allowed at

one time.

As for patients that have been diagnosed with COVID-19, no visitors are allowed. Exceptions to this guideline include patients under the age of 18, who are allowed one parent or guardian, obstetric patients who are in labor are allowed one birthing partner; hospice patients and end-of-life patients are allowed one person or clergy member per day; and intellectually/physically disabled patients are allowed one companion.

Visitors are not permitted in common areas such as waiting rooms, cafeterias or gift shops, and must travel directly to and from the patient's room when entering and leaving the hospital.

Fpr patients attending outpatient programs, no companions are allowed except one parent/guardian for a patient 18-year-old or younger; and one caretaker for a completely dependent patient.

For more information on visitor guidelines, visit baystatehealth.org/visitors. For more information on Baystate Health, visit https://www.baystatehealth.org/.

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weight of the roof, as well as the weight of any rain and snow. These members are beginning to collapse, and as they do, portions of that weight are being transferred horizontally to the brick wall, which is having trouble holding it. The water running down the inside of the building is also compromising the foundation. The failing roof members are causing the building to lean toward its neighbor, which houses Niko's restaurant and several apartments.

A previous owner a couple of years ago proposed taking down the third floor and redoing the first two floors and facade. The Historical Commission tried to work with them on various options that ranged between \$35,000 and several hundred thousand, and put a nine-month delay on any demolition. Town and area officials tried to get a \$750,000 grant that would have gone toward fixing the building, but Marques' documents said it appeared the owner wasn't interested as they never provided information necessary to put in for it. Despite the Historical Commission reaching out to the owner numerous times and agreeing verbally to other options, the owner sold the building.

"The saved the roof but destroyed the building," said Selectmen Chairman Alan Whitney, indicating he was unhappy with the commission's decision at the time.

On Tuesday, selectmen discussed how to move forward and chose July 7, their next regularly-scheduled meeting, as the date to have the owner tell them what will be done with the building.

"We can't afford not to do this," said SelectBoard member Tracy Opalinski, during her last meeting as a selectman, about making sure the building comes down. The town should have made sure the building was taken care of years ago, she said, and now "we're at this crux with MassDOT." She said she blamed Town Manager Stuart Beckley for not taking care of it, but Whitney said when the Main Street project engineers were coming up with a plan, the condition of the buildings should have been noted. Selectman Keith Kruckas disagreed, saying it was the town's responsibility to know about the building's condition and share that information with them.

Ludlow Construction, the company carrying out the Main Street redesign project, informed MassDOT it was concerned about the condition of the building. After it had started work on Main Street, the condition of the building appeared to get worse, and on June 18, a fence was put around the building to prevent people from walking in front of it. Later in the project much heavier equipment will be used to pack down road material, and the construction company is worried the building will come down from the vibrations.

If Ludlow Construction has to

halt the Main Street work, which started this spring, and come back later to finish it, the project's costs could rise, according to a letter from Department of Public Works Director Gilbert St. George-Sorel to selectmen. There is a \$210,000 contingency fund for the project, but if that is used the town will be responsible for additional costs.

The town also received an estimate of about \$410,000 to take down 114 Main St., which is very near the street with close neighboring buildings on each side.

St. George-Sorel said in his letter there is no time to apply for grants because the building must come down, and because it will cost more than \$50,000, it must go out to bid, which will be a time-consuming process. He also said since it is private property, the town may be forced to take the owner to Superior Court to get the building down if he is not willing to do so.

Selectmen asked Beckley to have the engineers determine the condition of the buildings on the other side of 114 Main St., which used to house Otto Florist & Gifts, a business that sold primitive art decorations and several apartments. Those buildings have been unoccupied since a fire heavily damaged them in 2015.

Whitney also asked Beckley to come up with a second option if the owner doesn't appear at the meeting or is unwilling to do anything about the building, and it should include trying to get the costs back from the owner.

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Jennifer Plassman promoted at NBSB

NORTH BROOKFIELD — North Brookfield Savings Bank is pleased to announce the promotion of Jennifer Plassmann to loan servicing representative within the Bank's Loan Center.

"We are so pleased to announce Jennifer's promotion and for her continued growth with the Bank," said North Brookfield Savings Bank President and CEO Donna Boulanger. "She brings years of retail customer service experience to her new position in the Loan Center and we know she will continue to use that valuable experience to help our customers as they move through the process of financing."

Plassmann, of West Brookfield, joins the North Brookfield Savings Bank Loan Center team located at 35 Summer St. in North Brookfield. In her new role her responsibilities are to perform day-to-day maintenance, review and processing of loans, to provide quality customer service to the bank's customers and to support her customer-facing teammates in the residential lending, consumer lending and retail banking departments.

Plassmann has over 10 years of experience in banking during which she learned a great deal about consumer and mortgage loan applications, taking loan payments, and processing loan pay offs. She most recently served as branch manager for the Palmer Branch at North Brookfield Savings Bank where she performed such duties as supervising and overseeing all aspect of banking within the Palmer branch, including managing the teller line, scheduling, opening accounts, taking loan applications and providing the ultimate customer service experience while assisting customers with their banking needs.

In addition, Plassmann is a strong community supporter, often volunteering her time and efforts for various local community events, fundraisers and support of the Palmer Senior Center. Plassmann has also served on the board of directors for Top Floor Learning in Palmer.

"I am excited to grow in my new position, work more closely with the loan center team, and to provide our customers with the



Turley Publications courtesy photo
North Brookfield Savings Bank promoted Jennifer Plassmann to the role of loan servicing representative.

very best loan experience," said Plassmann. "I look forward to learning the back office side of lending and gaining a more intricate understating of the loan process, while still continuing to support my colleagues who are helping customers face-to-face."

She can be reached directly by calling 508-637-7410 or by emailing JPlassmann@BankNBSB.com. For more information, contact the North Brookfield Savings Bank Business Center at 508-637-7500 or visit NorthBrookfieldSavingsBank.com.

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Water use restrictions announced in Ware

WARE – The town is required through its Water Management Act Permit to enact seasonal limits on non-essential outdoor water use. These requirements are to ensure an adequate supply of water for drinking water, to sustain aquatic life in our water bodies and to protect the environment. The Water Department has a choice of instituting these restrictions on an annual basis beginning May 1 each year or based on streamflow triggers in the Ware River. The Water Department has chosen the streamflow triggered approach. We currently need to enact these requirements when the streamflow in the Ware River at the USGS local stream gage at Gibbs Crossing is lower than a predetermined threshold for three consecutive days. The restriction can be lifted when the threshold limit has been exceeded for seven consecutive days.

That condition requiring water use restrictions was met on June 10, thus the town is required to implement these restrictions.

There is to be no nonessential outdoor water use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. effective immediately. This restriction will remain in place until the Ware River is above the threshold for seven consecutive days.

Nonessential outdoor water use shall mean those uses that are not required: for health or safety reasons; by regulation; for the production of food and fiber; for the maintenance of livestock; or to meet the core functions of a business (for example, irrigation by golf courses as necessary to maintain tees and greens, and limited fairway watering, or irrigation by plant nurseries or agricultural operations as necessary to maintain stock or establish new plantings, wash equipment to prevent damage and/or maintain performance, pest management and plant cooling).

Nonessential outdoor water uses that are subject to mandatory restrictions include: irrigation of lawns via sprinklers or automa-

tic irrigation systems; washing of vehicles, except in a commercial car wash or as necessary for operator safety or to prevent damage and/or maintain performance of agricultural or construction vehicles or equipment; and washing of exterior building surfaces, parking lots, driveways or sidewalks, except as necessary to apply paint, preservatives, stucco, pavement or cement.

All customers of the Ware water system need to comply with these restrictions during these hours. Water can be used for non-essential purposes outside of these hours. Anyone caught ignoring these requirements will be given a warning for the first offense and subsequent offenses will result in actions including fines and water shut offs as permitted by applicable town bylaws and regulations.

Anyone with questions should not hesitate to contact the Ware Water Department at 413-967-9620.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Protects from weather

4. Superhigh frequency

7. Southern constellation

8. Swines

10. Self-righteously moralistic person

12. United Arab Emirates city

13. Surinam toad

14. Sign language

16. Tattoo (slang)

17. Makes level

19. Sun up in New York

20. It must be scratched

21. Where people live

25. Swiss river

26. Buddy

27. One of two equal parts of a

divisible whole

29. Shrek is one

30. Egyptian unit of weight

31. Fiddler crabs

32. Carroll O'Connor's TV wife

39. No longer having life

41. Former OSS

42. A way to emit sound

43. Mandela's party

44. Adult female chicken

45. U. of Miami's mascot

46. Southeastern Chinese people

48. Casino game

49. Amos Alonzo ____

50. Joint connecting two pipes at right

angles

51. Will Ferrell film

52. River in NE Scotland

CLUES DOWN

1. Occur

2. Show up

3. Capital of Taiwan

4. Former French coin

5. Some are bad

6. Monetary unit

8. Package (abbr.)

9. Indian religious person

11. Crew

14. Antidiuretic hormone

15. Makeshift

18. Baseball box score stat

19. Make a mistake

20. Not moving

22. Even distribution

of weight

23. Clumsy person

24. Paddle

27. Worked the soil

28. Alias

29. Plant cultivated in Peru

31. Side-blotched lizards genus

32. Wild dog

33. Immoral act

34. Pound

35. Manning and Lilly are two

36. Put on the shelf for now

37. Baltimore ballplayer

38. Cuddle

39. Dashes

40. Related on the mother's side

44. Witch

47. Kilogram force (abbr.)

Second Chance invites local businesses to help fight pet homelessness

EAST BROOKFIELD – Second Chance Animal Services is inviting local businesses to partner with them in the fight to end pet homelessness through access to veterinary care. The nonprofit is looking for sponsors for the Second Chance Golf Tournament, their first live fundraising event since the pandemic struck, postponing the annual dinner auction. The tournament will be held July 25 at Heritage Country Club in Charlton and will feature Second Chance’s very first online auction where the business community can showcase their businesses and support pets in need.

Second Chance Development Director Lindsay Doray says the need is great right now for pets whose owners have been affected by COVID-19. “Our vet hospitals are helping so many pets right now,” she said. “We know how important it is to help these pets at our hospitals to keep them in their homes and out of the shelter. We cannot let this become a pandemic of pet homelessness.” Doray reports that many pet owners relying on Second Chance Community Veterinary Hospitals remain out of work or have seen their work hours slashed.

The golf tournament is already half full and Second Chance recognized there will be some who are not able to attend the fundraiser this year. In the past, non-golfers were able to attend the luncheon and participate in the silent auctions, but that won’t be possible this year so Second Chance decided to add an online auction. “There are some really cool items already,” Doray said. In addition to a pair of Adirondack chairs handmade and donated by the Hampden County Sheriff’s Office, the auction will feature a copy of Caddyshack signed by Bill Murray, which was donated by a friend of Second Chance.

Information on sponsorships and item donations can be found at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/. Those interested in golfing can still purchase tickets online at secondchanceanimals.org/events/golf/. Single golfers and foursomes are welcome. Second



Seven-year-old Artemis, currently available as foster-to-adopt while he is treated by Second Chance for Lyme disease.

Chance encourages golfers to purchase tickets early. The tournament is limited to 76 carts with golfers living in the same household able to ride together to comply with social distancing restrictions. Check in will be 7 a.m, and the tournament will commence at 7:30 a.m.

DEP leaving public with murky picture of water quality, audit shows

BOSTON – An audit released today by State Auditor Suzanne M. Bump shows the Department of Environmental Protection is not providing important information to the federal government and the public about the safety and usability of Massachusetts watersheds in a timely manner. The audit examined the period of July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2019.

The audit found DEP has not released reports required by the federal Clean Water Act. Under this law, each state must provide the Environmental Protection Agency with an Integrated List of Waters Report every two years that contains details on its water quality, including information on bodies of water that are impaired by pollutants.

Bump’s audit found DEP did not finalize its 2016 edition of this report, which was due in April 2016, until December 2019, and

has still not filed its 2018 edition. Additionally, the audit shows DEP has not made water quality testing data it has gathered available to the public since 2015. The audit notes that without these two sources of information, the public does not know whether watersheds in the state are safe for their designated uses. To address these issues, the audit recommends DEP reevaluate its data collection and processing methods, using labs not run by the state to test samples, and consider using external sources that may assist with data collection and reporting.

“The Department of Environmental Protection is tasked with fulfilling the Massachusetts Constitution’s guarantee of clean air and water for its residents. Unfortunately, the failure to provide important information has left the public with a murky picture of water quality in the state,” Bump

said of the audit. “While the agency has taken some steps to address these issues, I urge them to continue to implement all of our audit recommendations.”

Bump also calls on the agency to improve oversight of facilities that manufacture, process, and use toxic substances in their operations, after the audit found DEP did not always ensure these users filed required toxic use reports and reduction plan summaries.

DEP, a subdivision of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, is responsible for protecting and enhancing the commonwealth’s natural resources, including air, water, and land, as well as for advancing sustainable economic development. DEP’s headquarters is in Boston, and it has four regional offices in Springfield, Worcester, Wilmington and Lakeville, as well as a state laboratory in Lawrence. At the end of the audit period, DEP had approximately 700 full-time employees and in fiscal year 2019 received \$57,539,138 in state appropriations. The Office of the State Auditor conducts performance audits of state government programs, departments, agencies, authorities, contracts, and vendors. With its reports, the OSA issues recommendations to improve accountability, efficiency, and transparency. The OSA has identified approximately \$1.3 billion in unallowable, questionable, or potentially fraudulent spending and saving opportunities for the Commonwealth since 2011. Last year, auditees reported implementation of 92 percent of the OSA’s audit recommendations.

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Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles announces new initiatives

QUINCY –The Massachusetts Registry of Motor Vehicles is announcing new initiatives to provide additional flexibility to its customers during the COVID-19 pandemic, including expanded appointment hours at open Service Centers, additional Service Center reopenings, an online Learners’ Permit test and exclusive permit appointment hours, online license renewal incentives, new road test and in-car observation protocols for students, and limited supervised driving privileges for eligible teenagers who have turned or are turning 16 between March and June.

“The RMV appreciates the public’s continued patience and understanding throughout this pandemic as we have expanded many credential deadlines and worked to provide essential in-person services in accordance with all public health and safety guidelines,” said Acting RMV Registrar Jamey Tesler. “Today we are announcing additional steps to help customers, including more appointment hours, flexible guidance for supervised driving, an online learner’s permit test, and an incentive to renew their licenses online now instead of waiting to obtain a REAL ID.”

The RMV is announcing the following additional service offerings:

Additional appointment capacity at open service centers: customers will now be able to make appointment-only reservations between the hours of 8 a.m. and 8 p.m. at the Service Centers currently open to the general public. The RMV anticipates reopening the South Yarmouth Service Center for appointments on Monday, June 22.

Learner’s Permit tests restart online with exclusive permit-only center and hours: effective June 12, customers have been able to make an appointment to once again take their Learner’s Permit exam. Applicants will be required to take their Learner’s Permit test online at home up to 60 days after completing their appointment in a service center. Historically, customers have been required to remain at the service center to take the test on classroom computers. Appointments may initially be restricted to teenagers turning 16 between March and June, and who have otherwise had their opportunity to take the permit test delayed. Effective Monday, June 15, the Leominster and Watertown service centers will open from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m., strictly for Learner’s Permit appointment transactions but permit appointments will be available at other open locations. The RMV also anticipates opening the Danvers service center on Monday, June 29, from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m. strictly for Learner’s Permit appointment transactions.

New protocols for resuming

RMV road Tests: effective this week, the RMV resumed public road tests, with preference initially for individuals who had their road test appointment in March, April, and May cancelled due to the pandemic. Road tests for new applicants will not be available until customers who had road tests postponed have been given appointments. Customers who have a road test rescheduled are being contacted directly by the RMV with a new appointment. Due to the pandemic, the RMV is implementing new road test protocols, including the exclusive use of only specific state or driving school vehicles. Vehicles will be cleaned after each test and only the customer and the testing official will be inside the vehicle during the test; road test sponsors will be required to wait outside or in their personal vehicles.

Additional initiatives being announced today are pursuant to an executive order issued by Governor Charlie Baker, and include the following:

Supervised driving privileges prior to Learner’s Permit: eligible teenagers turning 16 between March 1 and June 30., may be able to apply for a new “Supervised Driving Receipt” prior to their ability to obtain an appointment for their Learner’s Permit. Eligible teenagers will be required to have parental/guardian consent to apply and take their learner’s permit test online. Printed at home following successfully passing the learner’s permit test, an SDR will carry strict requirements, allowing eligible students to practice driving only in Massachusetts, with a Massachusetts driver who is at least 21-years-old and has held a valid license for one year. The SDR will also allow an eligible teenager to enroll in a certified driving education and training course and begin their required observation hours but will not count towards a junior operator’s required 6-month clean driving record. SDRs will be valid 90 days from the date of issuance and will only be issued through Aug. 12. Eligible customers that are interested in applying for an SDR should continue to check Mass. Gov/RMV as the RMV anticipates that this application will be available sometime next week. Learner’s Permit applications will continue to be processed by appointment only at a service center when identity, lawful presence, residency and vision have been verified.

\$25 REAL ID upgrade fee waiver: over 500,000 Massachusetts residents will need to renew a driver’s license this summer, and will not need a REAL ID -- which requires an in-person visit to verify lawful presence -- for at least another year due to the federal government’s delay of the compliance

deadline to Oct. 1, 2021. The RMV is not currently accepting appointments for REAL ID renewal upgrades or amendments. Customers who renew for a ‘standard’ Massachusetts driver’s license or ID card online between today and Aug. 12, 2020, will be able to upgrade to a REAL ID if they need it in 2021 at no additional charge. The cost of a license or ID renewal is \$50 for a ‘standard’ or REAL ID, while the amendment or upgrade fee waived by this executive order is \$25.

In-car observation hours for junior operators: statute currently requires junior operators with a learner’s permit to complete six hours observing another student driver, and 40 supervised driving hours with a parent, guardian or other adult over 21 with a valid license for over one year. The executive order will instead allow for 46 hours of supervised driving hours to be completed with a parent, guardian or other adult over 21 with a valid license for over a year, minimizing the need to spend additional time in a vehicle with individuals from different households, which is discouraged under the Massachusetts’ Reopening Advisory Board’s Phase 2 guidance for driving schools.

Grace period for registration transfers after vehicle purchase: statute currently requires individuals to transfer a registration within seven days of vehicle purchase. The executive order temporary extends this grace period requirement to 21 days.

All RMV customers are encouraged to visit [www.Mass. Gov/RMV](https://www.mass.gov/rmv) to either begin their applications for a learner’s permit or SDR, renew their ‘standard’ license online, make an appointment to visit an open Service Center for other necessary in-person transactions, or complete one of over 40 other transactions available online, by mail, or by phone.

All customers who have an appointment to visit an RMV Service Center must wear face coverings during their entire RMV visit. No walk-ins are allowed and customers without an appointment will be asked to leave and make a reservation online to return at a future date.

As a reminder, the RMV has extended deadlines to December 2020 for all existing learner’s permits that are expiring between March and August 2020. Other credentials such as licenses and registrations also have deadline extensions.

For details on these and other credential expiration date extensions and additional information on RMV service offerings during the COVID-19 pandemic, please visit www.mass.gov/rmv or <https://www.mass.gov/info-details/rmv-covid-19-information>.

\$35K grant boosts Holyoke Community College student emergency fund

HOLYOKE – After COVID-19 broke, applications to the President’s Student Emergency Fund at Holyoke Community College soared. The fund, established by President Christina Royal through the HCC Foundation, is meant to assist students facing unanticipated financial burdens, such as a lack of affordable housing, childcare expenses, and transportation.

For the 2019-2020 academic year, 93 percent of student requests to the fund have come since mid-March. As HCC transitioned to remote learning, nearly \$25,000 has been distributed to help students facing income loss and struggling to pay their bills in the midst of the pandemic.

“We are talking about an average gift of \$500,” said Amanda Sbriscia, HCC vice president of institutional advancement and executive director of the HCC Foundation, the college’s nonprofit fundraising corporation. “That is often the difference between staying on a path to a college degree or never being able to return to the classroom. Studying and learning remotely has meant added an unanticipated expenses for our students. Faster internet, upgraded technology, housing and

food costs, utility bills; seemingly simple shifts in daily life are easy to manage for some, but for many HCC students, they can derail their entire education.”

This week, the President’s Student Emergency Fund at HCC received a \$35,000 boost in the form of a grant from the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts designated for COVID-19 relief. The HCC Foundation was one of 29 area nonprofits receiving financial assistance in the latest round of COVID-19 relief funds from the Community Foundation.

“You are receiving this grant thanks in part to funding from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund,” Jim Ayres, CFWM vice president for programs and strategy, said in an email to Sbriscia. “The Massachusetts COVID-19 Relief Fund works in concert with regional community foundations and nonprofit leaders to support those across the state most impacted by the COVID-19 health crisis, focusing on essential front-line workers and vulnerable populations including the homeless, immigrant populations, people with disabilities and those facing food insecurity.”

With the Community

Foundation grant, the HCC Foundation has now raised \$72,480 for the President’s Student Emergency Fund since late March when it launched the “TogetherHCC” fundraising campaign in response to the pandemic, placing the total amount of dollars available for student relief at \$190,000.

The largest single donation to the campaign was \$20,000 from HCC alumna Margaret “Peg” Wendlandt ‘58 and her husband, Gary, who have supported the emergency fund since it was established three years ago. The rest of the contributions have come in much smaller increments from 160 individual donors and area businesses.

“We are so grateful to the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts, our alumni and HCC employees and friends for believing in the power of our emergency fund to help our students,” said Sbriscia. “In one way or another, all our students have been affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The sense of relief and comfort we’re able to provide thanks to the generosity of so many is honestly life-changing for them.”



Rylie shows off his sign congratulating him on graduating from HES' sixth-grade.



Sixth-grader, Wesley, was happy to celebrate his graduation from HES to Quabbin Middle School.



HES sixth-grader, Samuel, proudly shows off his personalized sign.



HES sixth-grader, Joslyn, stands with her sign announcing she has graduated sixth grade and will start next year as a seventh-grader at Quabbin Middle School.

Movin' on up

HARDWICK – Parents and children celebrated the graduation of Hardwick Elementary School sixth-graders to the Quabbin Regional Middle School, which is located next to Quabbin Regional High School in Barre.

Students got a goodie bag, a sign, a graduation certificate and balloons from school staff who traveled to each student's home to hand out the congratulatory items on becoming seventh-graders in the fall.



Luis celebrated graduating from HES' sixth-grade to Quabbin Regional Middle School.



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Cameran celebrates his graduation from HES to Quabbin Middle School.

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remarking on how beautiful the Great Hall looked since it was recently repainted, which lead to much clapping from voters who apparently agreed. "We've been truly blessed with the renovations that have been done, it's so much brighter," she said.

She also asked everyone to take a moment of silence for all former town officials who have died in the past year, friends and family who may have been affected by COVID-19, and to keep those serving in the military in their thoughts.

Budget passes

The budget of \$30,139, 614 was passed unanimously with little discussion, which was \$500,000 less than what the original fiscal 2021 budget developed before the COVID-10 pandemic began. In Town Manager Stuart Beckley's notes on the budget, included in the Town Meeting packet voters received at the door, said it was unclear how much the state's economy will be affected by COVID-19 restrictions and it will likely not be ready until August.

Among the ways \$500,000 in cuts were determined was a decision not to fund a vacant police officer and a firefighter position, fuel costs have gone down slightly, regional shared services help save money, and the usual \$100,000 added by the town to the Department of Public Works for road repairs was reduced to \$25,000. Snow and ice budgets were kept at the same levels as last year, and most capital improvement projects were put off to consider in the fall. The School Department also trimmed \$50,000 from its original fiscal 2021 budget.

Solar bylaws

Zoning bylaws regarding large solar energy projects were passed unanimously without no discussion, which changes the previous bylaw which promoted solar energy to regulating such projects. They new bylaws also allow the Planning Board to give more weight to protecting open space, agricultural land and forests and whether natural, scenic, historical and cultural resources will be affected. The new bylaw also states that it is important

to identify and protect physical features such as streams, wetlands, steep slopes, land forms, cultural resources and agricultural resources.

It also limits the amount of solar projects to a total of 14 in the town and only one utility-scale solar facility. It also mandates that storm-water generated by the project area is prohibited from entering a public way or leaving the project site.

Other articles pass

Voters also agreed a petition should be made to the State Legislature changing Board of Selectmen to SelectBoard. Selectman Tracy Opalinski proposed the idea to selectmen earlier this year to take gender out of the board's name to better reflect today's society.

An article to make the SelectBoard Fire Commissioners, just as they are Police Commissioners, passed. It gives them final say in hiring firefighters, although as selectmen they are the appointing authority for town employees. Fire Chief Christopher Gagnon said that the existing system had worked for decades and did not need to be changed, but voters appeared to disagree. Gagnon also said the Fire Department would make whatever system was in place work.

An article submitted by selectman Keith Kruckas to change the charter so that part-time and full-time town employees can't serve in elected positions at the same time was defeated.

He said when members of boards, such as the selectmen, can't vote on important issues due to conflict-of-interest problems, it makes it harder for those boards to conduct business and puts more work on the other members.

Voters also agreed to provide a matching \$50,000 to the \$50,000 Massachusetts Historical Commission grant received for structural improvements at Town Hall, in the form of repointing bricks. They also approved \$25,000 to match a \$25,000 Green Communities grant from the state to fund energy efficient projects in Town Hall, the Highway Barn, Ware Middle School, the Stanley M. Koziol Elementary School and the wastewater treatment plant.

Lighting, weatherization, steam traps and boilers will be updated.

Voters also approved \$10,000 to go to inspecting and cleaning the water storage tanks on Anderson Road and Church Street, and \$50,000 to replace a remote water meter data collector, upgrade computer software and purchase additional water meters. Voters also approved moving \$150,000 from free cash to the stabilization fund.

Articles dismissed

Town Meeting voters also dismissed several articles including one to lower the quorum necessary to hold Town Meeting, which remains at 100 voters, the acceptance of Wildflower Drive and Quarry Street as public ways, and one that called for rescinding a tax assessment agreement with G&G Medical Products LLC in the Millyard. Town counsel informed the town that a Town Meeting vote was not necessary to rescind the agreement, which selectmen want



Ware's Moderator Kathleen Coulombe responds to a question during Ware's ATM Monday.

to do because the company has not hired the amount of employees it promised.



Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah DeCoursey helped pass out water during Ware's ATM Monday night.

Voters also dismissed an article addressing needed repairs on the Old Belchertown Road bridge,

which would have come from the highway state aid or Chapter 90 funds.

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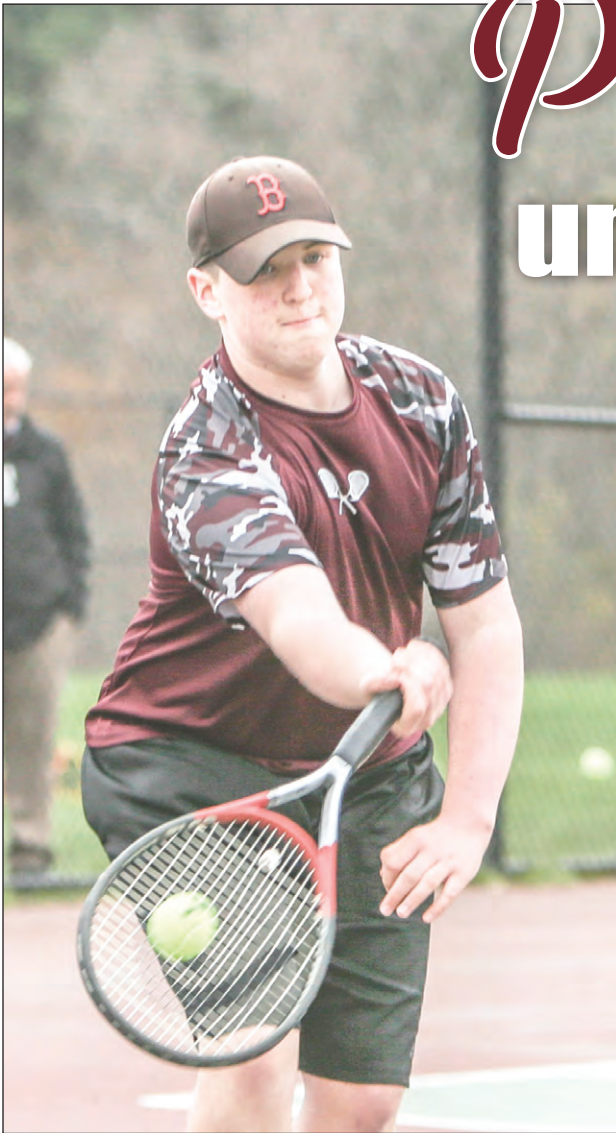


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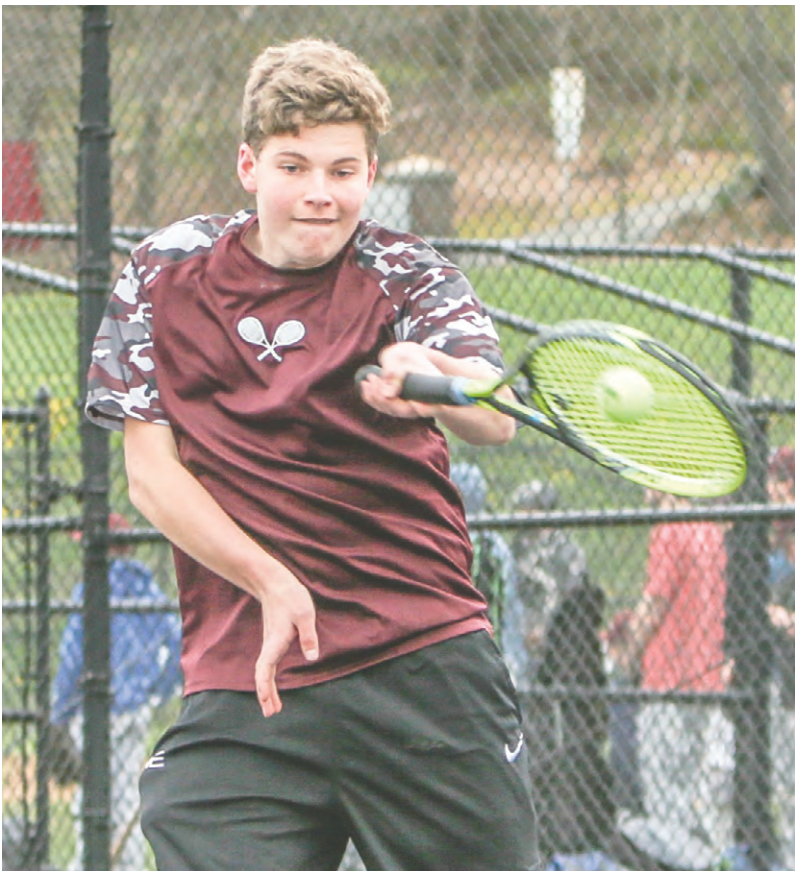


Ethan Richards hits the sweet spot on this high forehand during a match last year for the Cougars.

File photos



Jacob Harder makes a nice running forehand shot.



Dan Mazzaresse hits a solid ground stroke against Burncoat.

Tournament Management postpones MaxPreps use this fall

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – With COVID-19 completely cancelling out the Spring 2020 season for all high school sports, there has been little opportunity to continue working at integrating new changes set for the upcoming school year and next.

One of those changes has been postponed for the upcoming fall season.

In late February, the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's member schools voted to go to a state-wide tournament. The majority vote took place Feb. 28 and uprooted a tournament Western Massachusetts was used to having for many years.

Further, the "Walker" system, a ranking system formula utilized in Western Mass. as well as some Central Mass. sports, was scrapped in favor of MaxPreps, a CBS-sponsored website that tracks schedules, rosters, results and playing statistics. MaxPreps also has a proprietary rankings system that would have been utilized to determine playoff seeds for the new state tournament.

Many have questioned whether or not the system was fair, especially considering the diversity of the schools in Western Mass., the main reasons the Walker system was created.

Now, the MIAA's Tournament Management Committee has voted to postpone the use of the MaxPreps ranking system for at least the 2020 fall season. As a result, Western and some Central Mass. sports will utilize the Walker system to rank teams for sectional tournaments. Eastern Mass. schools typically rank by overall record with tiebreakers for similar records.

The MaxPreps site will still be used to input scores for

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Quabbin League hoping for mid-July start

REGION – The Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for 2020 season. The league has six teams, several with open roster spots. Last year, the league voted to allow players age 28 and 29 to be able to join the league, though players under 30 are not eligible to pitch. The cost of the league this season is \$192. For returning and new players, sign-ups have been placed on hold until a determination has been made on the season going forward. Sign-ups should resume soon. Based on the governor's re-open plan, the league is aiming for a start to the season in mid-July with a modified schedule. Games are nine innings and metal (BBCOR -3) or wood bats are allowed. Fields locations are throughout Western Mass. For more information on the league, or if you are interested in registering, go to <https://www.quabbinvalley-baseball.org/>. The league is also on Facebook.

NECBL alums drafted by MLB teams

NORTH ADAMS – Despite the 2020 Major League Baseball First-Year Player Draft being shortened to five rounds due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the New England Collegiate Baseball League (NECBL) saw eight of its alumni selected during the two-day event followed by nearly 20 others inking free agent contracts in the days that followed.

The Newport Gulls boasted five of the eight NECBL alumni who had their name called over the course of the draft, including 2019 outfielder Hudson Haskin (Tulane) going 39th overall in the second round. Meanwhile, Jared Schuster (Wake Forest), who played in the New England League in 2018 with the New Bedford Bay Sox, kept the NECBL's strong reputation of first-round selections intact after being picked by the Atlanta Braves with the 25th overall pick; the southpaw is the 29th all-time NECBL alumnus to earn a first-round draft curtain call.

In addition to Newport's five

draft selections, as well as New Bedford's representation through Schuster, NECBL organizations Upper Valley and Vermont also had one alumnus drafted each, as the Nighthawks saw 2018 right-hander Levi Thomas (Troy) go in the fourth round (109th overall) to the San Diego Padres, while the Mountaineers' 2019 NECBL All-Star, righty Ryan Murphy (Le Moyne), went in the fifth round (144th overall).

At the conclusion of the draft, another 17 NECBL alumni spanning each of the last three seasons signed free agent contracts with a variety of MLB franchises. In total, nine of the league's 13 active organizations from the 2019 campaign had at least one alumnus either drafted or sign as a free agent highlighted by the Gulls' seven such honorees, while Mystic led the way with five free agent signees.

"Given the circumstances and the adversity that not only our league but each and every summer collegiate baseball league has had

to endure this season, we could not be more proud of each and every one of our alumni that were either drafted or signed as free agents after this past weekend," NECBL Commissioner Sean McGrath stated. "No doubt will we continue to see more familiar faces do similarly in the days and weeks ahead, but regardless, I am so thrilled for all the young men who have been rewarded for their hard work and dedication not only during their time in the New England League but throughout their collegiate careers, both on the diamond and in the classroom. The best of luck to each of them as they pursue the first chapter of what will hopefully be long professional baseball careers!"

A league-high four players either were drafted or signed by the Baltimore Orioles, while three had their name called by the Seattle Mariners and two apiece went to the San Francisco Giants, Toronto Blue Jays and defending World Series champion Washington Nationals.

T-Birds celebrated growth during 2019-2020 season

SPRINGFIELD – Today, the American Hockey League announced that the Springfield Thunderbirds have been named the league's Ticket Sales Department of the Year and also recognized the franchise for achieving 15% growth in group ticket revenue for the 2019-2020 season.

"We are truly proud to receive this award from the AHL. Ticket sales growth is only possible through the hard work of our sales team and the commitment of our fan base. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to our staff and our community for continuing to support us through this season and beyond," said Nathan Costa, President of the Thunderbirds.

The T-Bird's fourth season saw a continued upward trajectory for the franchise, which is a product of the team's ongoing commitment to fan and community engagement. This year, the T-Birds ranked second in the AHL in year over year growth in both total revenue and total tickets sales. The team placed in the Top 5 in year over year growth across all ticket categories: total sales, full season tickets, group sales, partial plans, and individu-

al ticket sales.

Since the team's inception in 2016, they have achieved a staggering 87% growth in ticket revenue. This past season, they celebrated a new milestone of over 1,000 full season ticket members, achieved eight sellouts, and averaged 5,262 fans per game. This marked the team's second straight year with over 5,000 average attendance.

The announcement was made as part of the month-long 2020 AHL Team Business Spring Series. The 2020 AHL Team Business Spring Series, running May 19 through June 19, is a program of online presentations and discussions being hosted by the league's Team Business Services department. Team and league front-office personnel from throughout the American Hockey League meet each off-season to discuss best practices and innovative ideas in several areas, including ticket sales, corporate sales and marketing.

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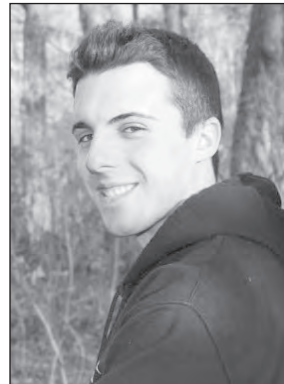
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“The coronavirus’ untimely arrival has taken away from me what everyone always claims are the “best days of your life,” said senior Brooke McCormick. “I’ll never get to know the excitement of my last day of high school, the bittersweet sadness of dancing to my class song with my best friends at senior banquet, or the feeling of reward at Mr. Orszulak’s end-of-year pizza party after eating lunch outside everyday – yes, even in the snowy winter. I would give anything to get these “best days” back, to be able to throw my cap in front of my family and friends on June 6th and celebrate all of the amazing things that the Class of 2020

did in high school. Although our time was cut short, and we’ve lost a lot, it’s hard to overlook everything that’s happened in the last four years.”

Closeknit class

Principal Eugene Rich, other school leaders and students have all remarked on the closeness members of the Class of 2020.

“On August 26, 2019, Ware High School welcomed everyone back with enthusiasm,” said Bush. “Among the students returning was a small, tight-knit group of ambitious seniors, anxious about beginning the home stretch of their high school careers. Ware High School’s administration and staff have done an outstanding job preparing all of us for whatever the next chapter of our lives hold. Each of us has become accustomed to the spirit and sense of community that exists in our school and town. Although we aren’t going to be able to finish the home stretch the way we imagined, we are all feeling the support and kind thoughts of everyone who’s helped us along the way. Everyone is working so hard to finish this school year strong and to provide us with the best possible graduation ceremony they can organize for us. On behalf of our entire class, I want to thank everyone.”

The date for graduation had to be changed several times and the prom, now set for Aug. 7, was also rescheduled, and it’s possible it will have to rescheduled again, DiLeo said.

But no matter, students continue to savor the time they’ve spent together.

“WHS may be a small school, but there’s something special about that little place,” said McCormick. “The students at this school are one of a kind, and have granted me friendships that’ll last a lifetime. And as for the teachers, I couldn’t have asked for a better

group of people to teach and mentor me both with academics and life in general. The bonds made here are rare, and something that makes saying goodbye so hard, with or without the virus. Our time in high school may have been cut short, but after the past four years, I think my class can agree that we’re lucky to say we’re a part of the Ware High family.”

A class with spirit

“It is ironic that this group of students is graduating at this time, the only thing more infectious than coronavirus is their school spirit and sense of community,” said teacher Peter Easton.

Teachers and class advisers Jesse Trzpit and Kelley Shamgochian said the Class of 2020 will be remembered for many wonderful contributions to Ware Junior Senior High School including, their community service, academic excellence, and most importantly school spirit and dedication. They also said they were very proud of what students had accomplished over the past four years.

“Our time in high school may have been cut short, but after the past four years, I think my class can agree that we’re lucky to say we’re a part of the Ware High family,” said McCormick. “Corona may be leaving me with a few “what-ifs” but it can never take away the amazing people I’ve met and memories I got to make during high school.”

Bush said the seniors were grateful for all the extra effort and consideration from our teachers, principals, parents, and community, and thanked them for their continued support.

“They’re a very talented group,” said DiLeo. “So, whether the world is ready for them or not, here they come, here they come.”

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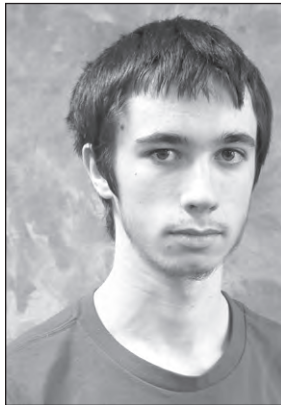
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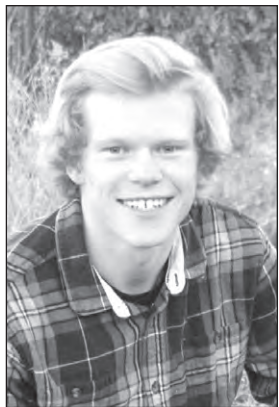
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Sunday, June 14
7:45 a.m. Fire, Electrical Emergency Heritage Drive – Investigated
11:50 a.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Keys Road – Confirmed Misdial
12:02 p.m. Fraud Mechanic Street – Officer Spoke to Party
12:07 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike- Call Transferred
1:44 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Old West Brookfield Road – Negative Contact
5:06 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency East Road – Transported to Hospital
7:28 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
9:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Winthrop Terrace – Transported to Hospital
9:59 p.m. Missing Person Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital

Monday, June 15
8:52 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Coy Hill Road – Transported to Hospital
2:09 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Southbridge Road – Citation Issued
5:03 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Comins Pond Road – Negative Contact
5:08 p.m. Motor Vehicle Theft Old West Warren Road – Investigated
7:22 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Quaboag Street – Transported to Hospital
7:52 p.m. Property Damage Liberty Street – Area Patrolled
8:50 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Brimfield Road – Transported to Hospital
8:54 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Winthrop Terrace – Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, June 16
4:17 a.m. Fire – Automatic Fire Alarm Old West Warren Road – False/Accidental/Defective Alarm
7:59 a.m. Larceny Old West Warren Road – Officer Spoke to Party
11:34 a.m. Suspicious Activity Pleasant Street – Officer Spoke to Party
4:43 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Pine Street – Arrest(s) Made

Wednesday, June 17
12:35 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Otis Street – No Fire Service Necessary
6:33 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Hawkes Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
6:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity Comins Pond Road – Officer Spoke to Party
8:57 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Quaboag Street – Peace Restored

Thursday, June 18
1:24 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Washington Street – Transported to Hospital
12:55 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Crouch Road – False/Accidental/Defective Alarm
2:39 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
2:54 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Keys Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:16 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Little Rest Road – Ambulance Signed Refusal
3:51 p.m. 911 Transfer West Brookfield – Call Transferred
9:17 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Written Warning
9:45 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop Bemis Road – Written Warning

Friday, June 19
2:27 p.m. Suspicious Activity

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Bacon Street – Officer Advised
3:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Erratic Quaboag Street – Negative Contact
7:20 p.m. Motor Vehicle Accident Brimfield Road – Arrest(s) Made
Arrest: Anthony W. Kinley, 32, West Brookfield
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle; Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation
8:43 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Washburn Avenue – Officer Spoke to Party
11:50 p.m. Disturbance, Noise Complaint Quaboag Street – Negative Contact

Saturday, June 20
10 a.m. Wires Down Main Street – Removed Hazard
10:16 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Crouch Road – Peace Restored
10:40 a.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Reynolds Road – Officer Spoke to Party
2:35 p.m. 911 Transfer Mass Pike – Call Transferred
4:50 p.m. 911 – Hang-up/ Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Reed Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Hardwick Police Log

For the week of June 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 72 building/property checks, eight radar assignments, 12 motor vehicle stops, 10 directed/area patrols, seven traffic controls, 11 emergency 911 calls, two community policing, one complaint/motor vehicle operation, two parking complaints, two animal calls and three assist other agencies, in the town of Hardwick.

Monday, June 15
12:09 p.m. 911 – Complaint/ Motor Vehicle Operations Barre Road – Negative Contact
3:03 p.m. Phone – Parking Complaint Bridge Street – Officer Handled
4:07 p.m. Phone – Animal Call North Road – Removed Hazard
11:45 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Main Street – Vehicle Towed

Tuesday, June 16
9:06 a.m. Phone – Parking Complaint Bridge Street – Spoken To

4:56 p.m. Initiated – Property Damage Prouty Road – Could Not Located
5 p.m. Other – Larceny/Theft/ Shoplifting Lower Road – Officer Handled
8:43 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Bridge Street – Officer Handled

Wednesday, June 17
8:59 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Barre Road – Spoken To
10:49 a.m. Initiated – Safety Hazard Highland Terrace – Dispatch Handled
1:58 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Fiske Road – Officer Handled
8:35 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Upper Church Street – Services Rendered
8:54 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Bridge Street – Transported to Hospital

Thursday, June 18
11:41 a.m. Phone – Safety Hazard Hardwick Road – Officer Handled

Friday, June 19
10:15 a.m. Phone – Fire Alarm

Church Lange – False Alarm
9:14 p.m. 911 – Complaint Bridge Street – Officer Handled
11:02 p.m. Phone – Suspicious Activity Pine Street – Negative Contact

Saturday, June 20
6:50 p.m. Phone – 911 Misdial Barre Road – Services Rendered
6:59 p.m. 911 – 911 Misdial Barre Road – Merge

Sunday, June 21
10:47 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Shunpike Road – Written Warning
11:04 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Shunpike Road – Citation Issued
11:33 a.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Barre Road – Unfounded
12:41 p.m. 911 – Safety Hazard Turkey Street – Removed Hazard
4 p.m. Initiated – Harassment Main Street – Spoken To
5:54 p.m. 911 – Complaint Greenwich Road – Investigated
7:29 p.m. 911 – Animal Call North Road – Negative Contact

New Braintree Police Log

For the week of June 15-22, the Hardwick/New Braintree Police Department conducted 33 building/property checks, nine radar assignments, three motor vehicle stops, 25 directed/area patrols, four traffic controls, four emergency 911 calls, one community policing, two scams, one forgery/fraud, three LTC/FID, one complaint/motor vehicle operation and one lockout in the town of New Braintree.

Monday, June 15
6:58 p.m. Initiated – Community Policing Barre Road – Spoken To

Tuesday, June 16
8:29 a.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Call Cancelled

Wednesday, June 17
12:45 a.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Dennis Whitney Road – Services Rendered
8:41 a.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Barre Road – Written Warning
9:26 a.m. 911 – 911 Misdial West Brookfield Road – Dispatch Handled
3:21 p.m. 911 – 911/Hang-up Call Oakham Road – Services

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Ware Police Log

Friday, June 12
9:27 a.m. Fraud Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
10:43 a.m. Vandalism Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
10:43 a.m. Abandoned Vehicle Shady Path – Services Rendered
10:50 a.m. Vandalism Monson Turnpike Road – Advised Contact Police if Repeated
1:48 p.m. Assault West Ware Road – Referred to Other Agency
2:36 p.m. Accident, Vehicle East Street – Area Searched Negative Find
3 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
5:37 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Referred to Other Agency
5:55 p.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – No Police Services Necessary
10:32 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Street – Citation Issued
10:43 p.m. Motor Vehicle Violation Warebrook Drive – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Jonathan P. Bechard, 21, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Reckless Operation of Motor Vehicle; Marked Lanes Violation

Saturday, June 13
3:13 a.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Maple Avenue – Unfounded Complaint
6:05 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – False Alarm
3:10 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Belchertown Road – Area Searched Negative Find
9:27 p.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Shawn Horrigan, 45, Ware
Disorderly Conduct
Arrest: Samantha L. Gould, 40, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle
11 p.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – False Alarm

Sunday, June 14
9:40 a.m. Disturbance East Street – Services Rendered
11:40 a.m. Disturbance Hillside Village – Services Rendered
2:28 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Area Searched Negative Find
3:05 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Services Rendered
3:51 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
6:04 p.m. Ambulance Request Gilbertville Road – Referred to Other Agency
6:38 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person North Street – Area

Searched Negative Find
7:59 p.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
7:03 p.m. Trespassing Complaint South Street – Services Rendered
9:03 p.m. Ambulance Request West Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:45 p.m. Disturbance West Street – Services Rendered

Monday, June 15
11:25 a.m. Ambulance Request Second Avenue – Services Rendered
12:08 p.m. Alarm Burglar Robbins Road – Services Rendered
1:55 p.m. Fraud Oak Ridge Circle – Services Rendered
2:20 p.m. Trespassing Complaint West Street – Referred to Other Agency
2:58 p.m. Accident Vehicle Administration Road – Referred to Other Agency
4:42 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Greenwich Road – Services Rendered

Tuesday, June 16
6:54 a.m. Trash Dumping Complaint Sorel Road – Services Rendered
7:26 a.m. Fraud West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
1:24 p.m. Fraud Lovewell Street – Services Rendered
1:29 p.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
1:52 p.m. Vandalism Warebrook Drive – Services Rendered
4:12 p.m. Fraud Park Avenue – Services Rendered
5:45 p.m. Vandalism North Street – Investigation Pending
6:52 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Fisherdick Road – Area Searched Negative Find
6:55 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Fisherdick Road – Advised Contact Police if Repeated
7:27 p.m. Accident Vehicle Beaver Lake Road – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
8:29 p.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Campbell Road – Services Rendered
10:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Terrace Road – Referred to Other Agency

Wednesday, June 17
7:41 a.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – False Alarm
10:07 a.m. Vandalism Palmer Road – Services Rendered
10:50 a.m. Harassment Complaint Maple Street – Referred to Other Agency
11:32 a.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Palmer Road – Citation Issued
11:42 a.m. Harassment Complaint Maple Street –

Services Rendered
3:21 p.m. Ambulance Request Horseshoe Circle – Services Rendered
3:39 p.m. Alarm Burglar Pleasant Street – Services Rendered
3:57 p.m. Threat Report Maple Street – Services Rendered
6:14 p.m. Ambulance Request Vrontis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
7:54 p.m. Ambulance Request Upper North Street – Services Rendered
8:43 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report High Street – Services Rendered
10:30 p.m. Missing Person North Street – Area Searched Negative Find
11:37 p.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, June 18
1:09 a.m. Alarm Burglar Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative Find
1:16 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person West Street – Services Rendered
1:50 a.m. Suspicious Activity/ Person Main Street – Area Searched Negative Find
8:52 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
8:55 a.m. Accident Vehicle Monson Turnpike Road – Services Rendered
9:12 a.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Church Street – Area Searched Negative Find
9:40 a.m. Ambulance Request High Street – Services Rendered
9:51 a.m. Ambulance Request Hillside Village – Services Rendered
10:10 a.m. Harassment Complaint West Street – Referred to Other Agency
10:56 a.m. Accident Vehicle South Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
11:52 a.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
12:44 p.m. Ambulance Request Eagle Street – Services Rendered
1:47 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Referred to Other Agency
3:32 p.m. Accident Hit and Run Church Street – Area Searched Negative Find
5:51 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call West Street – Services Rendered
7:39 p.m. Erratic Operator Complaint Palmer Road – Area Searched Negative Find
7:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Main Street – Services Rendered
8:50 p.m. Vandalism East Street – Services Rendered
10:55 p.m. Ambulance Request Maple Court – Investigated, Report Filed

Protect yourself and others from the deadly heat and humidity of summer

And don't forget the kids – never leave them in a hot car

SPRINGFIELD – The heat and humidity has already arrived along with the summer months.

Heat is a dangerous “disease” and can kill. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, each year in the United States hundreds of people, both adults and children, die from the heat.

However, you can stay cool and safe this summer by observing some important tips to keep you healthy and prevent heat-related illnesses.

Who is at risk

“Those at greatest risk for developing a heat-related illness are children under 5 and people 65 years of age and older, who have the least ability to regulate their body temperatures, as well as those who work outdoors for a living,” said Dr. Joseph Schmidt, vice chair and chief of Emergency Medicine at Baystate Medical Center.

Overweight people and others with chronic illnesses such as heart disease or high blood pressure, as well as those on certain medications, are also at high risk.

Extreme heat affects the

body's ability to safely regulate its temperature, often resulting in heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion, heat stroke, or heat cramps. Sweating is the body's natural defense to cooling itself. However, when humidity is high, sweat does not evaporate as quickly, preventing the body from releasing heat quickly and resulting in a rapid rise of body temperature.

Tips for keeping cool

As with many illnesses, the best defense is prevention, and Dr. Schmidt suggests the following tips to keep you safe in the high heat:

Stay out of the heat – Avoid direct sunlight and strenuous activity outdoors. If possible, remain indoors. If you do not have air conditioning, consider visiting a location that does, such as the mall or a movie theater.

Dress for the weather – Wear lightweight, light-colored, loose-fitting clothing and a broad-brimmed hat when outdoors. Stay away from polyester in favor of cotton and linens which are better at repelling the sun's heat. Also, consider wearing sunglasses and putting on a sunscreen with an SPF 15 or greater.

Drink plenty of liquids – Begin drinking before you go outside and, if exercising, drink one quart of liquid an hour to replace lost fluid. Avoid caffeinated beverag-

es and alcohol which can contribute to the loss of more body fluid. Also, if taking water pills or on a fluid restrictive diet, consult with your physician before increasing your liquid intake.

Take it slow and easy with athletic activity and working outdoors – Postpone athletic activity during high heat and humidity. Limit outdoor activities to the morning and evening. Drinking sports beverages can replace lost salt and minerals when you sweat. However, those on low-salt diets should check with their doctor before drinking sports beverages. If you work outdoors, in addition to drinking plenty of liquids and dressing appropriately, pace yourself and take frequent short breaks in the shade.

Eat smaller meals – Instead of the usual rule of eating three square meals a day, eat smaller meals more frequently on days when the sun turns up the heat. Also, avoid high-protein foods which can increase metabolic heat.

Warning signs

Warning signs of an oncoming heat-related illness could include excessive sweating, leg cramps, flushed skin, nausea and vomiting, dizziness, headache and rapid pulse. If these occur, Schmidt suggests getting out of the heat

obituaries

Hazel M. Cady

WARE – Hazel M. Cady, 83, of Ware, died on Monday, June 15, 2020, at Willimansett Center West – Chicopee following a brief period of declining health.

Hazel leaves her daughter/niece, Liane Slosek; granddaughter, Brianna Slosek;

her sister, Beverly Krasnecky, and brother-in-law, Walter Krasnecky; her nieces and nephews and their spouses, Diane (Krasnecky) Pinney and David Pinney, Dan Krasnecky and Tina Krasnecky, Tina (Cady) Iovic and Ivan Iovic, Dave Krasnecky and Cindy Krasnecky, Kevin Krasnecky, 13 great nieces and nephews and many, many friends. She was born in Ware, daughter of the late Leslie and Jessie (Davis) Cady, sister of the late Shirley (Cady) Pierce, and aunt of the late Richard Pierce. Hazel was a life-long resident of the area.

Hazel worked as a bookkeeper at Sherman Oil Co. in West Brookfield for most of her career. She was a very active member and past president of the Rebekah Assemblies, and spent much of her free time volunteering to help advance their causes. She served on the Board of Directors of the Odd Fellows Home of Massachusetts in Worcester, and was also a past president of the Board.

Hazel, who always had to be in the driver’s seat, loved her many road trips with family and friends. She was always proud to say she has driven to almost all 50 states. A favorite spot was Virginia Beach where she and her sister, Beverly, often spent time relaxing in the summer sun. She always made time for family. She had a ready laugh, a teasing smile,

Death notices

Cady, Hazel M.
Died June 15, 2020
Private Graveside service
Charbonneau Funeral Home
Ware

Chrabasz, Dorothy E.
Died June 20, 2020
Funeral Mass June 27, 2020
St. Mary’s Church
Ware

Harder, Frances L. (Roberts)
Died June 22, 2020
Funeral Services will be private
St. Pierre-Phaneuf Fairview Chapels
Chicopee

and was always willing to help out in any way she could. She was definitely the “adventurous aunt” and spent time with her nieces and nephews with beach trips, going to the movies, out to dinner for birthdays, organ playing, snowmobiling and other activities.

Her family values showed through the brightest when she took on the role of mother and later grandmother to Liane and Brianna when her sister Shirley passed away nearly 30 years ago. In talking with Hazel, you could tell how much she loved Liane and Brianna, how proud she was of these two ladies, and how blessed she felt to have them in her life.

Due to the current situation, an invitation-only graveside service is being planned at the beautiful Quabbin Cemetery in Ware to celebrate Hazel’s life.

Charbonneau Funeral Home, 30 Pleasant St., in Ware, is assisting her family with arrangements.

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Dorothy Elizabeth Chrabasz

WARE – Dorothy (“Dot”) Elizabeth Chrabasz passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 20, 2020, at age 87. Dot was born to Rudolf and Julia Bloom on Dec. 27, 1932, in Ware.

Dot married her husband, Emil George Chrabasz (predeceased), also of Ware, on July 24, 1954. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 24, 2004, surrounded by family and friends. Dot and Emil had four children together, George Chrabasz, of Ware, Kenneth Chrabasz, of Westborough, Lisa (Chrabasz) Sheehan, of Sudbury, and Lori Chrabasz (predeceased).

She graduated from Ware High School in 1950, after which she trained to become a flight atten-

dant at World Airlines in New York City. Dot and her husband, Emil, co-founded the Chrabasz Oil Company in Ware. They worked together for over 70 years. The company is now being run by their children. Dot

served as Chancellor for many years for The Daughters of Isabella.

Dot was an elected official of the Ware Democratic Town Committee and represented the town at State Party conventions.

She is survived by her sister, Marlene (“Mickey”) Brodrick, of Fort Mills, South Carolina, and predeceased by her sisters, Marie Slattery and Judy Kusek, and her brother, Ralph Bloom.

Dot is survived by her loving

grandchildren whom she adored, Brandon, Bryce, Colin, Wesley, Will, Jessica and Caitlin, and her 16 nieces and nephews.

A funeral Mass for Dot will be offered on Saturday, June 27, at 11 a.m. in St. Mary’s Church in Ware.

Dot will be laid to rest in St. Mary’s Cemetery following the Mass. For everyone’s health and safety, along with current regulations, social distancing of six feet and masks must be worn during the services.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Foundation of America.

For more information and online guestbook, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com. Cebula Funeral Home, of Ware, was entrusted with the final arrangements.

Frances L. Harder

WARE – Frances L. (Roberts) Harder, 97, a longtime resident of Ware, was called safely home on Monday, June 22, 2020. She passed into eternal life at Day Brook Village in Holyoke, surrounded by the care and comfort of her loving family. She was born in Chipley, Florida, on Nov. 27, 1922, the beloved daughter of the late John A. and Effie (Charles) Roberts.

She was raised and educated in Bonifay, Florida, and had moved to Ware in 1945, where she lived the remainder of her life. She was a member of the United Church of Ware and also was a Sunshine Lady and Friendship Circle member of the Church. During her leisure time, she enjoyed sewing, was a voracious reader and was passionate about music and playing her fiddle. Above all, she was a loving wife, mother and grand-

mother who loved spending time with her family and her friends.

She was predeceased by her beloved husband, Edwin C. “Buddy” Harder, who was called home on Jan. 30, 1997. They were married on June 25, 1944, in Bonifay, Florida, and were blessed with over 52 years of happiness together.

She leaves her six loving daughters, Connie E. Robinson, and her husband, Edward, of Wilbraham, Giza, and her husband, Walter, of Sturbridge, Judith M. Vadnais, and her husband, Donald, of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, Joy E. Bowman, of Columbus, Georgia, Eileen A. Tucker, and her husband, Jim, of Belchertown, and Christina S. Shea, and her husband, Bob, of Monson; her cherished 16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; her dear

brother, Randall P. Roberts, of Valparaiso, Florida; and her many dear nephews, nieces, cousins, extended members of the Harder and Roberts families and friends. In addition to her parents and husband, she was predeceased by her loving son, E. Anthony “Tony” Harder, and his wife, Sandra; her two dear brothers, Charles Marion Roberts and John A. Roberts, and his wife, Evelyn; and her dear sister-in-law, Florence Roberts.

Her visiting hours and funeral services will be private at the St. Pierre-Phaneuf Fairview Chapels, (413-533-3307), 506 Britton Street, in Chicopee. Her burial will be private at Quabbin Park Cemetery in Ware.

In lieu of flowers, her family requests memorial donations be made in her memory to a charity of the donor’s choice. For more details and to leave her family condolence messages, please visit www.stpierrephaneuf.com.

pandemic first started in March. But as the situation developed, upcoming seasons has come into question because of the extended need to control large gatherings, the continued need for masks, and the idea that life cannot truly return to normal until a vaccine is created. That could take until sometime next year.

The use of MaxPreps as a unifying system is reliant on the coaches and athletic directors making sure scores and statistics are entered into the website in a timely manner.

There are still multiple steps to go before a full 32-team (in most cases) state tournament is imple-

mented. The PVIAC is also still looking to develop an alternative to the departing Western Mass. tournament. The hope is when meetings are able to resume on a more regular basis, those discussions will be able to continue in a productive manner.

Schedules have been set by athletic directors for the fall season, however, it remains to be seen what guidance the state will issue as it relates to athletic contests. It also remains to be seen how high school athletics will adjust to state guidance on classroom time, which may be partially remote this fall.

public notices

TOWN OF WARE PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Board of Selectmen will conduct a Public Hearing on **Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:15 p.m.**, in the Selectmen’s Meeting Room, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to determine if property at 114 Main Street, Ware, MA is dilapidated, dangerous, unsafe or otherwise constitutes a nuisance, in accordance with MGL Chapter 139, Section 1, and to take any action thereto. The Board of Selectmen will receive comments from interested residents at the hearing, or residents may send written comments to Town Manager, 126 Main Street, Ware, MA 01082. **This notice shall also be posted on the Massachusetts Newspaper Publishers Association’s (MNPA) website (http://masspublicnotices.org).**

All interested parties are invited to attend.

Alan G. Whitney
Chairman

Board of Selectmen
6/25/2020

LEGAL NOTICE

In accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Law 105A, for the purpose of satisfying the liens of **Country Corners Storage & Realty**, in order to satisfy past due rents and other expenses, the contents of the following storage units will be sold for non-payment on **Saturday, June 27, 2020 at 10 a.m.** on the premises of **Country Corners Storage, 50 Greenwich Rd., Ware, MA (413)967-6095**.

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6/18, 6/25/2020

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Mary Dudek
Date of Death:
May 7, 2020
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NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Linda T. Richards** of Belchertown, MA, a Will has been admitted to informal probate.

Linda T. Richards of Belchertown, MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve **without surety** on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets

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6/25/2020

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The Hardwick Board of Selectmen as awarding authority, invites sealed bids for the procurement of the following goods and services:

Item 1. Low Sulfur Diesel Fuel - Highway Department

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Item 3. Propane Gas

Item 4. Heating Equipment Service Rates

Item 5. Gasoline

Bid specifications are available on the towns’ website www.townofhardwick.com or by request via email at admin@townof-hardwick.com

Sealed bids plainly marked, for road materials and/or the items listed above will be received at the office of the Town Administrator, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, Massachusetts, 01031 **until 4:00 P.M. on Monday, Monday July 13, 2020**

Bids will be opened and publicly read at the Selectmen’s Meeting held at the Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, Gilbertville, MA on

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Monday July 13, 2020 at 6:30 PM.

Please note, the meeting may be held remotely/virtually if the current ban of social gathering has not been lifted by the Governor prior to this meeting. Information on how to attend the remote/virtual meeting will be posted on the Town’s website in advance of said meeting.

Bids may be mailed or delivered to the Town Administrator’s Office, Municipal Office Building, 307 Main Street, P.O. Box 575, Gilbertville, MA 01031.

The Town of Hardwick reserves the right to reject any and all bids deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town.

Kenan P. Young, Chairman
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hardwick
6/25, 7/2/2020



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and drinking liquids. If you don’t feel better soon, call your doctor or visit your local emergency department.

“Heat stroke can cause death or permanent disability and requires immediate emergency medical treatment,” said Schmidt about the serious condition which can cause damage to the brain and other vital organs. Warning signs of heat stroke can vary, but may include the following: body temperature of 103° Fahrenheit or higher, dizziness, throbbing headache, nausea, confusion, a rapid, strong pulse, and in extremely critical cases, unconsciousness.

“In addition to taking care of yourself from the ill-effects of the heat, don’t forget to check on elderly relatives and neighbors several times a day to make sure they are safe and free from any signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke,” said Schmidt.

Kids in hot cars

Schmidt also reminds parents and caregivers that hot weather and vehicles can be a deadly combination for kids.

“Children are at serious risk for heat stroke when left alone even for a few minutes in a closed vehicle or even in one with the window left slightly open,” he said.

Sleeping in the heat

“Even for those who do not suffer from a sleep disorder, getting to sleep can be more of a challenge in New England during the summer months,” said Dr. Karin Johnson, director, Sleep Lab, Baystate Medical Center.

“There have been studies done on exactly what room temperatures are beneficial to our sleep. In general, many cite between 60 and 67 degrees Fahrenheit as ideal with temperatures exceeding 75 degrees Fahrenheit and below 54 degrees Fahrenheit as disruptive to our much needed sleep,” said Johnson.

The National Sleep Foundation offers the following tips to help both young and old sleep better in uncomfortable, hot weather, especially when air conditioning isn’t an option:

1. Use a fan to keep the air circulating.
2. Close the blinds to keep out sunlight. Also, keep the windows closed if the temperature outside is much hotter than inside. Open the

While uniforms for high school sports have changed over the years, our dedicated weekly coverage of local games has remained the same.



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the entire school year and then MaxPreps will be used for all aspects of the tournament as the statewide tournament is set to begin in the 2021-2022 school year.

There was a movement at the TMC’s June 18 online meeting not to use MaxPreps for the entire school year, but that motion was defeated. The body, which had 12 members present, voted unanimously to postpone it for just the fall.

The fall season was not in question when the coronavirus

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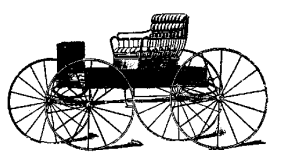
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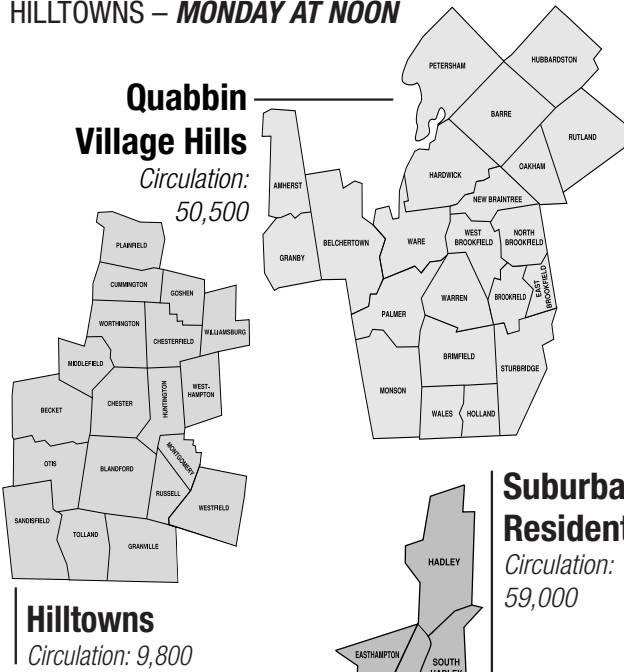
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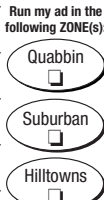
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